

# MANY NEW BUILDINGS ARE ERECTED IN 1909

## Partial List of Structures Proves Conclusively that Cottage Grove is Rapidly Forging Forward.—Handsome Business Blocks.

### The Venske Block.

Several handsome and substantial business structures have been erected on the principal streets during the past season, and still another is in course of construction, work upon which is well under way. The Sentinel refers to the building of Mr. H. Venske, which has a frontage of fifty feet and a depth of ninety-five feet. This block will be two stories high, the first floor having a 15-foot ceiling, and the second floor an 11-foot ceiling, both being figured in the clear. The substantialness of the structure is shown by its concrete foundation walls, which are three feet at the bottom and eighteen inches at top, and also by the party walls, which are sixteen inches, with end walls of twelve inches. The front will be of rubbed brick and penciled. By a rubbed wall is meant that carefully selected bricks of uniform color are chosen for the purpose. Generally not more than 300 bricks are taken from a thousand. The front will, of course, be of plate glass, and as the entire first floor will be one room the effect must necessarily be pleasing. The rear windows will carry to the ceiling, and will be in part prism glass. The interior of the store room will be arranged especially for Messrs. Walker & Kinter, the furniture dealers, who have a long lease. At the rear there will be a deck about 50x16 feet, and the same arrangement will be made on either side, the decks being the entire length of the store, with a width of ten feet. Mr. Venske expects to have the building fully completed and ready for occupancy by December 15. It will cost \$8,000.

### The Lawson Block.

The Lawson building is rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready for occupancy by November 10. It was the intention of Contractor Hubbell to have the structure completed this month, but delay was occasioned by the non-arrival of some materials, which necessarily had to come from the outside. This will be one of the most handsome as well as one of the most substantially constructed buildings in the city. The foundation walls are 48 inches at the bottom and 21 inches at the top, of solid concrete, while the walls are of brick 12 inches thick. The front wall has a height of 33 feet, and the rear wall 29 feet. The ground dimensions of the building are 50x49 feet, and there will be two storerooms on the first floor and three suites of rooms on the second floor, the latter being conveniently arranged and having all the modern improvements. The stairway leading to these is roomy and the treads easy.

In the west store there will be a temporary partition, and these rooms will be occupied jointly by the Electric Lighting Company and Jesse Thornton. Mr. W. C. Johnson will occupy the east store. The interior dimensions of them are 24x34 feet each.

The front will be particularly attractive. Wilhelmina pressed brick being used in the masonry, while American plate glass will fill all openings. Each of the show windows will have plates 92x84 inches, above which will be a rail and another plate 55 inches high. The front doors will be of solid oak, with oval bevel plate glass. This arrangement, together with large rear windows, will furnish an abundance of light throughout the interior.

Mr. B. K. Lawson, the owner, was formerly in business in Cottage Grove, but is now employed as traveling salesman for the Central Door and Lumber Company of Portland. He, however, retains his residence here, and has great faith in the future of the city, as is evidenced by the fact that besides having other realty interests here he is expending over \$8,000 in the erection of this business building. He is a member of the municipal council, and his voice is ever heard for anything that will tend to advance the interests of Cottage Grove.

### The Veatch-Wheeler Block.

Probably the business block nearest approaching a fire proof structure is that erected at the corner of Main and Fourth streets by Messrs. Oliver Veatch and T. C. Wheeler during the present year. It was with this idea in view that the walls were built of solid masonry, and plastered with a durable substance a full inch in thickness, and the ceiling on both floors surfaced with steel. The building is 46.8x95 feet, with a substantial concrete foundation 46 inches at the base and 16 inches at the top, upon which are 12-inch walls. The brick in these walls were burned in Cottage Grove, and shows what can be accomplished in this direction right here at home. There are two commodious storerooms, the one on the west having a particularly attractive plate glass front, the show-window extending around the corner on Fourth street. The window plates alone cost \$500, or one sixteenth

of the entire cost of the building. The second floor, while finished throughout, has no partitions, the owners being undecided as to whether this will be made into office suites or used as a large hall. The structure is a credit to the city, as well as to the men who had sufficient faith in the future of Cottage Grove to build it.

### The Woodward Block.

The largest business building erected here this season, and consequently one necessitating the largest expenditure of money, is that of C. C. Woodward at the corner of Main and Third streets. The dimensions of the structure is 74x95 feet, and the building is divided into five rooms, four of which are on the Main street and the other on Third. Commencing at Third street the stores are of the following dimensions, respectively: 20x80 feet, 24x90 feet, 16x95 feet and 11x95 feet. The store on Third street will be used in connection with one of the others. The fronts are of plate glass and are very attractive. The foundation is of concrete and the walls of brick, 12 inches wide, and plastered inside with wood fibre.

The second floor contains twenty-eight rooms, conveniently divided into suites of two, three, four and five rooms, being designed for offices and light house keeping apartments. The halls are wainscoted, and, like every room, are well ventilated. The building will be heated by steam. The plant is now being installed. Completed the structure will cost something over \$11,000. It is centrally located, and is an ornament to progressive Cottage Grove. J. C. Wallace is the contractor.

### The Stewart Building.

One of the prettiest fronts in the city is in the one story building of A. J. Stewart, occupied by Simeral & VanDenBerg, erected this season. The structure is 30x95 feet, has a pressed brick front, and large plate glass show windows. The building cost about \$4,000. The interior was fitted up especially for the trade in which the occupants are engaged, that of furniture, and is particularly well-appointed.

### General Building News.

A modern ten-room residence was erected early in the year by the Hon. O. M. Kem, who had come here a few months prior to that time, at a cost exceeding \$4,000. This handsome dwelling is one and a half stories, and the ground dimensions are 30x42 feet. The architectural design is pretty, a feature being the large porch. The interior is finished in fir, and the walls and ceilings are plastered. There are book-cases and china closets built into the house, and both front and rear verandas are screened. It is notable that Mr. Kem has a 1000-gallon tank, part of an air pressure water system, for lawn and garden use. Between 700 and 800 loads of dirt were hauled to make a lawn. Contractor Hart was the builder of this pretty home.

Mr. J. F. Spray has just finished a large number of improvements to his Main street residence property. In fact the house was rebuilt, having been raised from one to two stories, and a veranda 8 feet wide and 100 feet in length added thereto. The improvements, including cement walks, cost about \$1600.

The White building on Main street has been remodeled and will be occupied by Mr. Standish. A new front improves its appearance very materially.

Mr. Woodward, who came to Cottage Grove last April, from Billings, Montana, in addition to building a substantial business block, has had built at the corner of Third and Kansas streets a cozy six-room cottage, strictly modern in every respect, and costing \$2,000. The interior is of native oak, and attractively finished.

M. Caldwell will build a neat cottage on Weber street for rent.

A bungalow for Mrs. T. Allen is in construction on Fourth street. It is of pretty design.

W. Hubble is building a warehouse. J. F. Spray has had over 300 feet of concrete walks built on his Main street property. F. B. Phillips, W. F. Hart, N. Jones, Jos. Baker, George Hawley and Miss Jessie Berg have also recently built cement walks.

Alderman J. A. Elledge is putting the finishing touches on a handsome 10-room residence on Wall street that will cost \$1,900.

It has been rumored that the First National Bank would soon commence the erection of a handsome building in the block west of its present location, but inquiry reveals the fact that while the project has been given some consideration no definite action has been, or will be taken for at least another year.

A. T. Crandall will erect a comfortable home on Wall street in the spring. A cottage is being erected in the Wynne addition by Thomas Allen.

W. Nokes has purchased a lot in that part of the city known as Pleasant

View, and will erect a bungalow thereon this fall, the cost of which will be about \$1,000. Mr. Nokes recently moved here from Seattle. He is a nephew of J. W. Nokes, a well-known resident.

B. Lurch is completing a seven-room cottage on the west side, at a cost of about \$1000. It will be occupied by Mr. Silsby of Ashland, who will soon engage in business here.

The Oregon & Southeastern Railway company built a house for its locomotives this season, the cost thereof being in the neighborhood of \$1,100. The building is 32x120 feet, constructed of wood, and has stalls for the accommodation of four locomotives. Mr. Hart did the carpenter work, while the company put in the ash pits, tracks, etc.

In Cooper's last addition Albert Zinicker owns a comfortable cottage which was built this season. It is 26x28, contains four rooms, and cost \$700. It is convenient and comfortable throughout. Its exterior appearance is enhanced by a porch.

F. G. Stiller, of the Cottage Grove Creamery Company, built a story and a half dwelling on Third street this year at an expense of \$1,100. There are four rooms on the ground floor and two above. The dimensions are 24x32. There is a porch of pretty design. Mr. Stiller also built a commodious barn on the property.

A modern bungalow is that of Dave Scholl in Gowdy's addition on Wall street. It was built by Contractor Hart, and contains five rooms, with a porch under the main roof. The house is 26x48, and cost complete \$1000.

Editor W. C. Conner has expended approximately \$150 in improving his residence on Wall street. A commodious porch is the result.

Alf Powell built an addition to his dwelling in Currin's park this season, cost \$500. A pantry, woodshed and porch are among the improvements.

Ed Laun, who is mill foreman at Latham, built an addition of four rooms to his home on Taylor street, and also a porch; cost \$550.

Four hundred dollars in improvements to his residence on Mill street was expended by M. P. Garoutte this season. A kitchen, pantry, bathroom and porch were added.

M. Miller finished the exterior of his cottage in Cooper's addition, and built a porch and woodshed. The cost aggregated \$300.

### DAVIS WAS KNOWN HERE.

#### Locomotive Fireman Meets a Horrible Death Saturday Morning.

Fireman Davis, who was killed at the Pudding river bridge, near Portland, Saturday morning, was well and favorably known in Cottage Grove, having run on the local for some time before taking a Portland-Roseburg run. The train, which was the third section of No. 16, struck a dog on the Pudding river bridge, but at the time the engineer thought it was a man, Davis crossed over to the engineer's gangway, and leaning out struck his head on a girder, falling to the bottom of the stream. Mr. Davis was married and had a family, and in their bereavement they have the sympathy of a large number of railway employees, who highly esteemed the departed one.

### 'Twas the Wrong Man.

With photographs of the five convicts who escaped from the Oregon School for the Feeble Minded on Saturday, Sheriff Bown visited Cottage Grove on Sunday, believing that he had track of at least one of the prisoners. A man had been discovered by trainmen riding the "blind baggage" on the southbound Cottage Grove local Saturday night, and when accosted the stranger showed fight, which led to an altercation. The man, however, was brought to this city, and the investigation which followed satisfied the authorities that he was not wanted. He gave as his reason for stealing a ride that he had been held up in Portland and robbed by supposed friends. The man, whose name was given fictitiously, is from the east, he refused to divulge his proper name because of the publicity he might be given in connection with the affair.

### They Need No Assistance.

A personal communication from Col. John Brusco of St. Louis, a well-seasoned Hoo-Hoo, to the editor of the Sentinel, contains these pathetic lines: "You can imagine my surprise when I opened your paper and saw that you had joined the Black Cat tribe. The only regret I have is that I wasn't there to help; but I suppose you have no kick coming. I don't know how they do it out there, but I'll leave it to a Hoo-Hoo any where."

R. Hull rests easy since the removal of a large fir tree which overhung his home, adjoining the corporate limits on the west. The tree was nearly four feet through and about 150 feet high. It was leaning over his residence, and thinking it was about to fall, Mr. Hull had W. F. Wilson and Elmer Hull fell the big 'un on Monday.

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